

**From:** [Margaret Netto](#)  
**To:** [Bonnie Filipovic](#); [Andrew Miner](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 1 AMD place project.  
**Date:** Monday, April 08, 2019 8:13:15 AM

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Please give copies to the Planning Commissioners.

**From:** May Xu [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 3:10 PM  
**To:** Margaret Netto <MNetto@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 1 AMD place project.

Dear Planning Commission Members,

We have moved to the Vale community since last September. We are concerned about the impact the 1 AMD place project could bring to the existing residents in the neighborhood.

First of all, we noticed the project was rezoned from the initially approved low density to medium density and later to high density. We're concerned about the capacity of E Duane Avenue and Deguigne Drive during and after the construction period, and we request your consideration of maintaining the original zoning of low density housing.

We request to lower the speed limit on Deguigne Drive to 25 m/hr so that the residents on that street can have relatively quiet time when at home.

Another concern is the school. Do you have plan to accommodate the children moved into or the new born ? I noticed lots young couples in the new communities.

As an existing resident in the community, while we sincerely appreciate the dedicated handling of the planning process by the planning commission, we believe your responsibilities go far beyond how the new construction looks but also requires that you act as a fiduciary in ensuring that any proposed development will not negatively impact the natural and man made surrounding environment. While attractiveness and appropriateness are essential components, please do not be led down the path to believe that this is your only responsibility for assessing the quality of a proposal and ultimately approving or disapproving. We appreciate your time, consideration, and your dedication to the city.

Thanks and regards,

May and Yan

540 San Marcos Ter, Unit 1  
Sunnyvale  
CA94085

**From:** [Margaret Netto](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Miner](#); [Bonnie Filipovic](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Requests for your consideration relating to 1 AMD Place project  
**Date:** Monday, April 08, 2019 8:41:02 AM

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**From:** Ying Huang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 2:31 PM  
**To:** Margaret Netto <MNetto@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Requests for your consideration relating to 1 AMD Place project

Dear Planning Commission Members,

Hope this email finds you well. Ever since I and my family moved to the community, we have been paying very close attention to the planning process as it relates to the development of the 1 AMD place project.

My husband and I are both professionals, and we have a little boy who goes to preschool. What has become apparent in our observations is that ever since the beginning of the development of the new communities in this area, the traffic condition has deteriorated significantly, which is due to the growing population moving into the new communities nearby and the construction trucks blocking road during the construction period. Furthermore, we noticed the schools nearby are mostly at their capacity.

Based on these observations, we're concerned about the impact the 1 AMD place project could bring to

the existing residents in the community. First of all, we noticed the project was rezoned from the initially approved low density to medium density and later to high density. We're concerned about the capacity of E Duane Avenue during and after the construction period, and we request your consideration of maintaining the original zoning of low density housing. Also, we request the main roads surrounding the new construction to be expanded with increased lanes in order to accommodate the significantly increased population that is expected to move into the new construction in near future. In addition, we request your consideration of adding new schools in the community with the expected increase in school-age kids after the new construction. Last but not least, currently there are very few parks, convenience stores, restaurants or supermarkets in the community. We hope you could consider the planning for associated public facilities and commercial facilities as part of the planning of the 1 AMD place project.

As an existing resident in the community, while we sincerely appreciate the dedicated handling of the planning process by the planning commission, we believe

your responsibilities go far beyond how the new construction looks but also requires that you act as a

fiduciary in ensuring that any proposed development will not negatively impact the natural and manmade surrounding environment. While attractiveness and appropriateness are essential components, please do not be led down the path to believe that this is your only responsibility for assessing the quality of a proposal and ultimately approving or disapproving. We appreciate your time, consideration, and your dedication to the city.

Thanks,

Ying Huang

An existing resident at the Vale community in  
Sunnyvale

**From:** [Margaret Netto](#)  
**To:** [Bonnie Filipovic](#); [Andrew Miner](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Hi Margaret - an email from existing resident in Sunnyvale community  
**Date:** Monday, April 08, 2019 8:11:30 AM

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**From:** yi cao [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 5:07 PM  
**To:** Margaret Netto <MNetto@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Hi Margaret - an email from existing resident in Sunnyvale community

Dear Margaret, the Planning Commission Members,

Wish this email finds you well. My name is Yi Cao, I, my wife and our twin girls have lived in the Sunnyvale community near E Duane since Feb this year, we moved from the Milpitas great mall area to here.

Base on this 2 months living experience here in Sunnyvale, we kinda regrets about the investment and movement, and I have a feeling that it's following the same pattern and symptom as what Milpitas government is doing.

We lived in the Milpitas's new transition area since 2015, and during this 4 years, there are just non-stopping high density residential or commercial construction going on. It doesn't consider any life quality of the local residents, with the growing population, but lacking support on traffic, school, public infrastructure support. Basically the city is not growing in a sustainable way, it's full crowed of angry people, complaining about bad traffic, no parking, no parks and air/noise pollution from the nearby constructions,

Many people like us have started moving out of the Milpitas area to look for a healthier and sustainable society, we got attracted by this Sunnyvale community, so we made a decision to move in, but only after moving in, we found out the 1 AMD place project and looked at its plan. And we have a feeling Sunnyvale will follows the path of Milpitas, the expansion is at the cost of local resident's life quality, which makes us not feeling like this's a place called safe home for family and children.

We have reported many times about the construction trucks, noise, safety construction issues since moving this community, we also found many builder works overtime after 6pm during the weekday, and construction littering is all over the place, we cannot imagine how bad it will be during the hot summer time w all the truck and dusts, and we also found less tress here than nearby cities.

We, sincerely hoping you can speak up for the people who live in this community and lead us thru a sustainable and green plan, our goal is the same to Sunnyvale a proud and an attractive city for both residents and business, but we hope the method to achieve this is not by sacrificing the living standard of people, which can drive people away.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Yi

**From:** [Margaret Netto](#)  
**To:** [Andrew Miner](#); [Bonnie Filipovic](#)  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Date:** Monday, April 08, 2019 8:12:25 AM

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**From:** Sha Yao [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 3:53 PM  
**To:** Margaret Netto <MNetto@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:**

Hi Margaret,

My name is Sha. I m a future resident of The Vale. My husband and me are moving in in early June.

I heard that we are having a 1000 + units next to our community. I think it's great, since housing problem is serious in Bay Area.

Is city providing any plan on the possible traffic jam in the neighborhood? Can public school around our neighborhood take that much students?

When is the next hearing event?

Thank you,  
Sha

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Sha Yao Founder x Chief Designer Sha Design LLC ----- Follow us  
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**From:** [Margaret Netto](#)  
**To:** [Bonnie Filipovic](#); [Andrew Miner](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Concerns of 1 AMD project  
**Date:** Monday, April 08, 2019 8:40:41 AM

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**From:** yi rong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 2:37 PM  
**To:** Margaret Netto <MNetto@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Concerns of 1 AMD project

Dear planning committee members:

My name is Yi . My family moved into the Vale community since last June. We were not aware of the 1 AMD project until last month and we are really concerned what is going to happen in our neighborhood.

Firstly, the traffic conditions are already really bad on lawrence expressway, high way 101 during peak hours. Even local traffic became agonal during rush hours. It often takes me 25 minutes or more one way to send my daughter to preschool where it is only 3 miles away and it should be only a 12 minutes drive according to google map. The planned additional 1000 new AMD units will bring traffic to an unbearable situation. Plus, there are numerous large high density communities already in construction along lawrence expressway like nearby 1000 units Nueva project and the Vale project itself .It wouldn't do any good to any existing residents nor the new residents.

Secondly, lack of supermarkets and supporting services . Neighborhood [Costco](#) is always crowded from opening to closing.

Thirdly, school: my daughter is three year old now. The public elementary school is rated 3 out of 10. When we tour neighborhood private schools, we were told there are long waiting lists due to rapidly increasing number of families with young kids. The tuition is skyrocketing due to high demands.

We appreciate if you could consider our concerns in planning 1 AMD project. Your decision will make a significant impact in our lives. Please make a plan that we can be proud of and support . Thank you very much !

Best Regards

Yi

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Margaret Netto](#)  
**To:** [Bonnie Filipovic](#); [Andrew Miner](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Concerns on 1 AMD Place  
**Date:** Monday, April 08, 2019 1:02:40 PM

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Here's another letter

**From:** Fei Xia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2019 1:01 PM  
**To:** Margaret Netto <MNetto@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Concerns on 1 AMD Place

Dear Project Planner,

Hope this email finds you well and I appreciate your effort in helping to make the community better.

My name is Fei and I am a resident living nearby in Deguigne Dr. I just heard the 1 AMD Place project keeps moving forward. I'd like raise some concerns.

In a nutshell, I strongly object to the development of **high density** community here.

- \* Traffic. As more and more people moved in, I have noticed the traffic condition is decreasing. The roads around are quite narrow (e.g. E Duane Ave only has one lane), the entrances to the highway are also limited. The high density community can only make things much worse, and nobody living nearby will be a winner.
- \* Commercial places. I don't see the planning of merchant stores, restaurants, supermarkets, etc. With a high density community moved in, it's apparent we would need support on this.
- \* Schools. The schools are at their capacity, we would need a plan on it.

With that being said, I believe we should plan for these three first before we move forward on the 1 AMD Place project, or go with the initial plan of low density community.

Thank you,  
Fei

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Xia, Fei  
Software Engineer  
Google Inc.



April 16, 2019

Mr. Daniel Howard  
Chair, Planning Commission  
City of Sunnyvale  
456 W. Olive Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

RE: Draft and Final Environmental Impact Report for AMD Redevelopment Project

Dear Chair Howard:

My husband and I attended the Planning Commission Public Hearing on April 8, 2019. I appreciated the opportunity to speak on the AMD Redevelopment Project. I also wish to thank you for acknowledging my concerns regarding traffic conditions.

You posed the question regarding reducing the speed limit on E. Duane Ave. to 30 mph. The gentleman in charge of the traffic analysis explained it is a matter of state law and the Department of Public Works. Please see the attached "A" Vehicle Speed Limit Modification from the City Municipal Code.

I would like the City of Sunnyvale to pursue changing the speed limit due to the following reasons:

1. The City has rezoned this area over the past decade to various residential densities. This street is now a residential 2-lane street with a new public park, school and small neighborhood shopping center. The office/commercial buildings of the past are gone.
2. The AMD project will add a new net total of 4,327 daily trips as per the traffic impact analysis. It is highly likely the new trips will use E. Duane as the main route of travel in addition to the surrounding streets.
3. The surrounding streets all have 30 mph (or less) speed limits. Please see the attached map "B" showing streets and speed limits.
4. Even the very busy Fair Oaks Ave. is 30 mph. This is also a City designated truck route. Please see the attached truck route "C" from the City Municipal Code.
5. While it is nice to envision drivers adhere to speed limits, the reality is speeding vehicles can be seen and heard racing down E. Duane on a daily basis and the chances of getting caught by police are slim.
6. The new Indian Wells street with a roundabout will probably be a speed limit much lower. It makes no sense for E. Duane to be the only street that drivers can rush through along the nice new public parks where pedestrians and families with children may walk or bike along. Safety and quality of life should be a priority for the City.

My concerns regarding the upcoming projects at 1080 Stewart (Marriott Hotel) and 1060 Stewart (Public Storage) were ignored. The impact of a new 7-story hotel adding a total of 109 net new rooms next to a new 5-story Public Storage building expansion will certainly add to density and traffic, while changing the suburban look and character of this area. The City continues to permit variances in building heights as it has done with the AMD project. I believe the FEIR does not

factor in all the new vehicles and pollution generated by a hotel and public storage trips. The City should look at the totality of changes in this area and not just one project at a time.

The letter to Ms. Caruso dated December 17, 2018, written by Ms. Ellen Talbo from the County of Santa Clara, asks that *“Prior to issuance of the Final EIR, the County requests that the City to re-evaluate the current percentages shown in the trip distribution and review it accordingly with the County Traffic Engineering staff as we believe it to be inaccurate.”*

The letter to Ms. Caruso dated December 13, 2018, from Mr. Frank Bellucci, President of the Public Safety Officers Association, states in part:

*“Adding a substantial number of additional residents to the area will continue to deteriorate emergency response times.”*

*“We believe that failure to analyze the impact of response times during commute hours is a flaw under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).”*

*“Finally, the PSOA is concerned that the City of Sunnyvale is taking a project-by-project approach to its analysis of development project impacts. There are several major projects either recently approved or in various forms of the planning phases that have not been looked at collectively. We believe that this project follows the same pattern.”*

I have stated on record the current conditions of modified vehicles which produce super loud noise and terrorize our streets any time of day or night. The City can identify intersections where tire burning donuts occur just by looking at the tracks. Sideshows occur at the E. Duane/Stewart intersection, the Stewart/Santa Trinita intersection, the E. Duane/DeGuigne intersection as well as others near the area. The reason this neighborhood is so popular for reckless driving is that the escape route on E. Duane is fast and leads to Lawrence Expressway and U.S. 101 making it easy not to get caught. These activities are increasing and can only lead to more aggressive crimes.

I am getting the impression it will take an act of Congress to get the City of Sunnyvale to change its own city street speed limit. This change is for the benefit and safety of the current and future residents of Sunnyvale. Please advise how the City will address the above concerns and what action may be taken. Please share this letter with the other Planning Commission members and any department in the City that can address these issues.

Thank you for your consideration and time to this matter.

Sincerely,

Elisa Silva  
Mario Silva  
1079 E. Duane Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Cc: Mr. Andrew Miner, Assistant Director of Community Development  
Ms. Margaret Netto, Staff Contact

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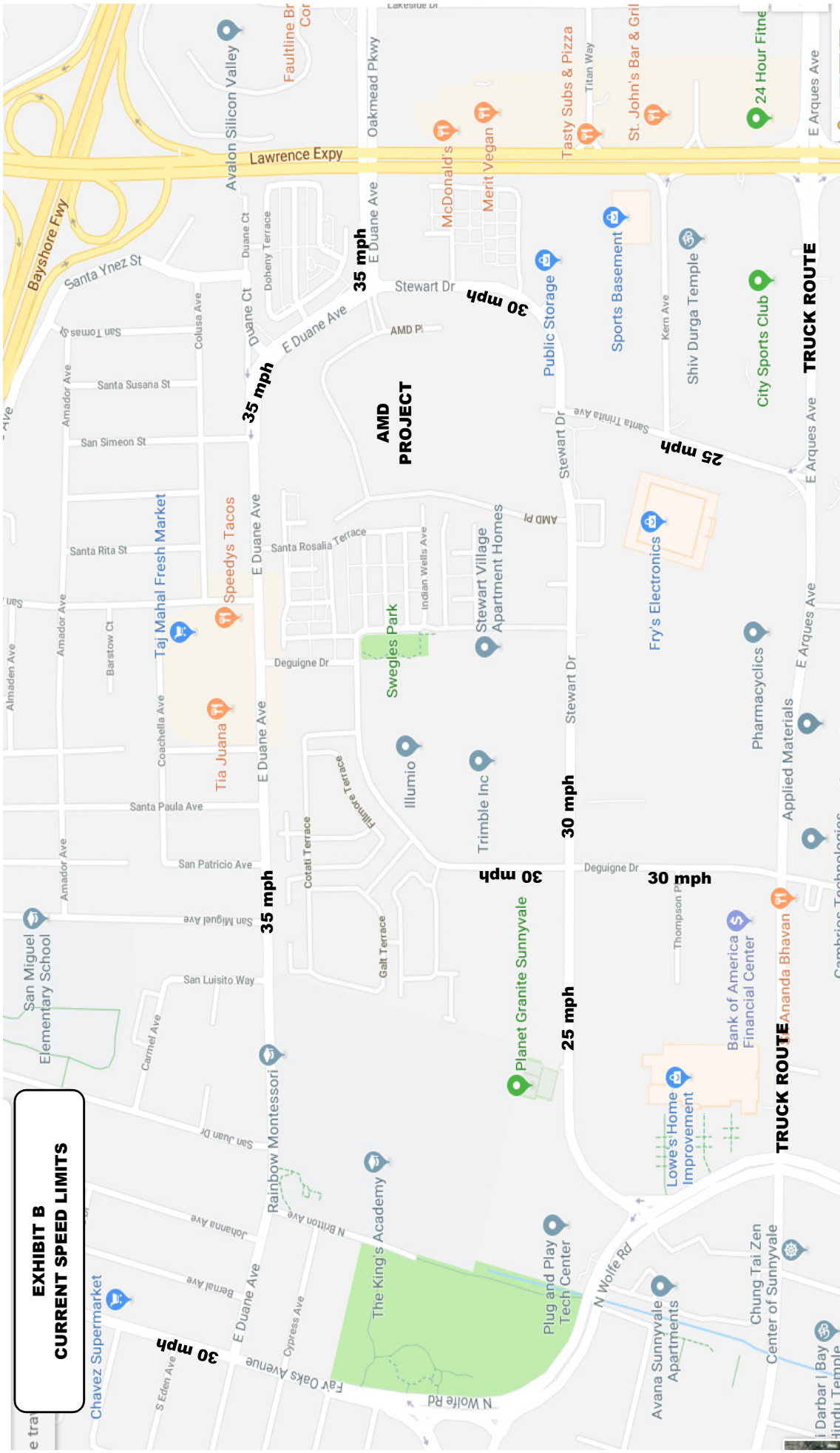
**10.28.010. Modification of state law maximum speed.**

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by the California [Vehicle Code](#), it is determined upon the basis of engineering and traffic surveys that: as to certain streets or portions thereof, the speed limit permitted by state law outside the business and residence districts is greater than reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon such streets. It is further determined that as to other streets or portions thereof, a speed greater than that permitted by state law would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon such streets.

(b) It is declared that the prima facie speed limit for each such street or portion thereof shall be as set forth in the city council resolution concerning "SPEED LIMITS" when signs are erected giving notice of such limits. Such resolution may be amended from time to time. (Ord. 2524-95 § 1; Ord. 2483-94 § 1; Ord. 2289-89 §§ 2,3; Ord. 2241-88 § 4; Ord. 2154-85 § 1; Ord. 1750-74 § 1; Ord. 1708-73 § 1; Ord. 1491 § 1, 1968; Ord. 1472 § 1, 1968; Ord. 1432 § 1, 1968; Ord. 1387 § 1, 1967; Ord. 1360 § 1, 1967; Ord. 1341 § 1, 1966; Ord. 1324 § 1, 1966; Ord. 1298 § 1, 1966; Ord. 1228 § 1, 1964; Ord. 1223 § 1, 1964; Ord. 1211 § 1, 1964; Ord. 1194 § 1, 1964; Ord. 1191 § 1, 1964; Ord. 1106 § 1, 1963; Ord. 1073 § 1, 1963; Ord. 951 § 1, 1961; Ord. 943 § 1, 1961; Ord. 900 § 1, 1961; Ord. 850 § 1, 1960; Ord. 825 § 1, 1960; prior code § 3-7.01).

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**PLEASE NOTE:**  
The City approved construction truck route for the AMD, Marriot Hotel and Public Storage projects should be Lawrence Expressway to E. Arques to Santa Trinita. Trucks entering and exiting at the E. Duane/Stewart intersection would create extraordinary noise, pollution and excessive traffic back ups for the neighborhood residents. E. Duane Ave. is not a truck route.

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**10.40.020. Established—Signs.**

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The following truck traffic routes within the city of Sunnyvale are hereby established for the movement of any truck as defined in Section [10.40.010](#):

<b>Street</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Arques Avenue	East city limits	Fair Oaks Avenue
Caribbean Drive	Mathilda Avenue	Lawrence Expressway
Evelyn Avenue	Wolfe Road	Bernardo Avenue
Fair Oaks Avenue	Evelyn Avenue	Arques Avenue
Fair Oaks Avenue	Mt. View-Alviso Freeway	Bayshore Freeway
Fremont Avenue	El Camino Real	West city limits
Homestead Road	Lawrence Expressway	Stevens Creek Freeway
Java Drive	Mathilda Avenue	Fair Oaks Avenue
Kifer Road	East city limits	Fair Oaks Avenue
Mathilda Avenue	Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road	Caribbean Drive
Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road	South city limits	El Camino Real
Wolfe Road	Evelyn Avenue	Arques Avenue

The city traffic engineer is directed to designate the above-named streets by appropriate signs as “Truck Routes,” which method of designation the city council has determined will best serve to give notice of this chapter. (Ord. 2524-95 § 1; Ord. 1470 § 1, 1968; prior code § 3-9.02).

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